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SUBJECT: LIBERIA'S VIEWS ON THE SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA

REF: STATE 134913

1. THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE REFTEL FOLLOWS:

(A) THE GOL VIEWS THE SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA AS AN ATTEMPT TO ENLARGE THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE SOVIET CAMP. THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE SEEN AS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF INTERNAL WEAKNESSES WITHIN AFRICAN SOCIETIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP INTERNAL STABILITY.

(B) THE PRINCIPAL ATTENDANT PROBLEM--FOR THE GOL--IS THE THREAT WHICH IT FEELS SOONER OR LATER IT WILL FACE FROM THIS EXPANSIONIST SOVIET/CUBAN DRIVE.

(C) THE GOL BELIEVES THAT AFRICANS, THROUGH THE OAU, SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. IT REGRETS THAT THE CONTINENT HAS BECOME AN ARENA FOR GREAT-POWER CONFLICT AND THAT THE OAU HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PREVENT THIS. GIVEN THE SITUATION, THE GOL FEELS STRONGLY THAT THERE IS A PRACTICAL NECESSITY FOR THE U.S. TO APPLY ITS POWER AND INFLUENCE ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT TO ASSIST

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GOVERNMENTS WHICH WISH TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT OF THE SOVIET CAMP.

(D) IT FOLLOWS THAT THE GOL REGARDS THE SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA AS DESTRUCTIVE, DANGEROUS AND DIVISIVE.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REVIEW MONROVIA 3847

(JUNE 1, 1977), SPECIFICALLY GOL'S FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE,
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